

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-14, 16, and 18-40 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 14, 27, and 35 are independent. In light of the remarks included herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-6, 14, 18-19, 22, 27-30, 32-38, and 40 under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lapstun et al.* (USP 6,789,191) in view of *Dorenbos* (USP 5,751,813) and further in view of *Sekendur* (USP 5,852,434); rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lapstun et al.*, *Dorenbos*, *Sekendur*, and further in view of *Jalili* (USP 6,209,104); and rejected claims 7-13, 20-21, 23-26, 31, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lapstun et al.*, *Dorenbos*, *Sekendur*, and further in view of *Schneier*. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. Sec. 103 – *Lapstun et al./Dorenbos/Sekendur*

Applicant previously argued on the record that none of the cited references teach or suggest receiving, in the digital pen, the address of the receiving device from the database device. In response to this argument, the Examiner merely asserts that *Lapstun et al.* provides an encryption key to the pen. Applicant respectfully submits that these teachings cited by the Examiner are insufficient to teach the claim element.

There is no disclosure in *Lapstun et al.* that is directed to receiving, at the digital pen, the address of the receiving device from the database device as claimed. Once the data is transferred from the pen to the printer, the printer resolves the page ID of the stroke into the network address

of the netpage page server and the printer then transmits the stroke to the page server (col. 17, lines 33-56). The pen does not receive the network address from the printer.

Neither *Dorenbos* nor *Sekendur* cure the deficiencies of the teachings of *Lapstun et al.*, assuming these references are combinable, which Applicant does not admit. As such, Applicant submits that claim 1 is not obvious over the references as cited by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 5-8, 10, and 40 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 at least based upon their dependency on claim 1. It is further respectfully submitted that claims 14, 27, and 35 include elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1 and thus these claims, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Additional Comments

Applicant concurrently filed a Request for Interview together with the Reply and Request for Continued Examination, requesting the Examiner contact the undersigned to conduct an Interview prior to the Examiner's formal consideration of Applicant's arguments on the record. Rather than contact the Applicant to schedule the Interview prior to the issuance of the instant Official Action, the Examiner merely requested Applicant contact the Examiner to schedule the Interview.

Applicant respectfully requests a personal Interview with the Examiner in accordance with Applicant's previously filed Request for Interview and, should the Examiner maintain her rejection of the claims, Applicant requests the Examiner do so in a non-final Official Action.

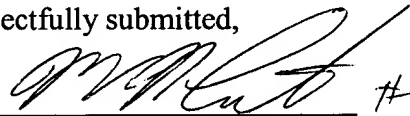
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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